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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Program

1. The attached requests approval for the [REDACTED] program, estimated to cost [REDACTED] through FY 1977. The [REDACTED] required for the first year is not programmed for either FY 1973 or 1974. If the Management Committee approves this program, it is recommended that [REDACTED] from FY 1973 savings be made available to fund start up of the program through FY 1974. The OSA Program Submission would thus contain a request for follow-on funds for FY 1975. (Since this would reflect an increase over FY 1974, we can expect some searching questions regarding the requirement for this program, the technical risks and downstream developmental and operating costs during the OMB hearings next Fall.)

2. This proposal is in accord with the philosophy of the R&D Board's Technical Coordinating Committee that the Agency should build a family of practical covert emplacement/delivery systems using known technology (unlike [REDACTED] without the constraint of pinpointing specific targets 2 - 4 years in advance. [REDACTED] in this respect.

3. [REDACTED] Executive Officer/OSA, can give you more detail on the operational concepts and technical approaches involved in [REDACTED]

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